U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE DATE: March 29, 2002 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: PCT/JP01/06964 **AUGUST 13, 2001 AUGUST 11, 2000** TITLE OF INVENTION: FUEL CELL THAT CAN STABLY GENERATE ELECTRICITY WITH EXCELLENT **CHARACTERISTICS** APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Hiroki KABUMOTO, Yoshito CHIKANO, Ikuo YONEZU, Takahiro ISONO and Takashi YASUO Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. X This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. X_ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority 5. X A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)): is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. X has been transmitted by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. X A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). 7. X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). have been transmitted by the International Bureau. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. X have not been made and will not be made. 8. ____ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. X An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED: 11. X An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with PTO-1449 and 6 references. 12. X An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD., Moriguchi-shi, Japan Please publish the assignee data with the application. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 13. ___ 14. A substitute specification. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 16. X Other items or information: 11 sheets of drawings.

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b. ____ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$___ to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)

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